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**For Immediate Release**

**Excise Police Cite Double Apple Lounge in Carmel for 3<sup>rd</sup> Time**

**CARMEL, Ind. (May 21)** – An Indiana State Excise Police officer cited Double Apple Lounge in Carmel again today, alleging three additional violations of Indiana law.

Excise police received another complaint against Double Apple Lounge, 4004 W. 96th Street, on May 16, this time alleging the bar's alcoholic beverage permit application had been falsified. As the result of an excise officer's investigation, the bar was cited today on preliminary charges of falsifying records, perjury and failure to maintain a high and fine reputation.

Today's charges stem from the bar's application for an alcoholic beverage permit filed on April 20, 2010. At that time, the bar's owners, Reba Bentz, 23, of Indianapolis, and Miguel Angel Sarria, 28, of Indianapolis, indicated that no one with an interest in the permit had been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor. Mr. Sarria was convicted of Operating While Intoxicated, a misdemeanor, in Marion Superior Court in June 2008.

Today's charges follow violations issued on Jan. 22 and May 14, when excise police found several minors inside the bar.

On May 14, the bar was preliminarily charged with 16 counts of allowing a minor to loiter, five counts of sale of alcohol to a minor and one count each of hindering enforcement, employment of minors and failing to maintain employee records. The bar was also cited for allowing minors to loiter on Jan. 22, when police found ten minors, four of whom had been drinking alcohol, inside the bar.

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on enforcing Indiana's alcohol and tobacco statutes.

*All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.*